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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

DETAILED ACTION

- a. This action is taken in response to Request for Continued Examination filed on 1/8/2009.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on January 8, 2009 has been entered.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 41-44, 60-62, 66, drawn to a method to structure the captured data as a set of linked nodes, classified in class 707, subclass 102.
- II. Claims 63-65, drawn to a method to establish HTML linked structure based on tag, classified in class 715, subclass 760.
- III. Claims 49-59, 76-78, drawn to a method to interactively visualizing hierarchical network of nodes, classified in class 715, subclass 853.
- IV. Claims 79-80, drawn to a method to navigation within linked nodes from one node to another, classified in class 715, subclass 854.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions in Group I to IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, each of the respective inventions have a separate utility as in a method not having the others, see MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

The response time for this Office Action is **one month**.

Applicants are advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include and election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicants are reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shew-Fen Lin whose telephone number is 571-272-2672. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2166
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